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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. From 23 May to 7 June 1955, 200 to 300 individual KVP soldiers arrived at the Prora railroad station.
2. On 9 July, 28 T-34/85s and 4 SU-100s with approximately 100 KVP soldiers engaged in instruction and maintenance work, were seen in front of the garages north of the main guard house. Sixteen 76-mm guns, 9 x 37-mm AA guns and approximately 50 trucks were parked south of the garages. The installation appeared to be occupied to capacity. 1
3. In early June, it was learned that Captain Schmidt (fnu) was commanding officer of 1st Bn Prora, Senior Lieutenant Michelmann (fnu) his deputy, and Senior Lieutenant Trotz (fnu) chief of staff. The firing range of the battalion was in Luebtheen, Kreis Kagenow. 2
4. In mid-June, numerous KVP soldiers with red, red-bordered black and yellow-bordered black collar patches were seen in Binz.
5. On 14 June, 120 civilian youths carrying baggage and escorted by 4 KVP soldiers were seen at the Stralsund railroad station. They came from Rostock and proceeded to Ruegen Island.
6. On 30 June and 14 July, the Prora installation appeared to be occupied to capacity. A tent camp consisting of 60 tents, 4 x 5 meters, 800 meter north of the Binz railroad station was occupied by several hundred KVP soldiers. Six FDJ flags flew in the camp. On 14 July, about 350 KVP soldiers were drilled on the Binz-Prora road and near the garages at the main guard house. Approximately 50 KVP soldiers with red-bordered black collar patches left the northern gate of the installation. Approximately 200 soldiers held advanced combat firing practices in the Dollahner Ufer Mts. 3

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7. On 14 July, 20 x 76-mm guns and 6 x 120-mm mortars were at the parking lot near the main guard house. Three trucks towing 37-mm AA guns entered the installation. Twenty pontoons and 25 trucks were at the parking lot of the engineers northwest of the main guard house. Fifty KVP soldiers were engaged in maintenance work on the vehicles. 4
8. On 10 July, all wood lanes leading from the Rosenortschneise-Torfbruecke (south of Graal) road to the west were blocked by red warning sign boards. The restricted area was said to be occupied by KVP. 5
9. [redacted] eight higher Polish officers, including 3 generals accompanied by Soviet General Romanenkow who is stationed in Schwerin and other Soviet officers, inspected the KVP units in Schwerin-Sternbuchholz on 7 June. The Polish officers came from Prora and intended to go to Neubrandenburg and Potsdam for further inspections. 6
1. [redacted] Comment. This is the first report to mention that the Medium Tank SP Regt Prora is uniformly equipped with T-34/85s and that it has SU-100 guns. [redacted] the authorized equipment of the tank SP gun regiments of the motorized rifle divisions included T-34/85s and SU-100s or SU-85s. An authorized equipment with SU-85s is more probable.
2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the training area is located south of Hagenow in the Leussow Forest which is also called Quaster Forst and is bounded by Luebbendorf, Leussow, Neu-Jabel, Jessenitz and Luebtheen. Previous reports have already mentioned this area as training area of Division Schwerin.
3. [redacted] Comment. The tent camp is possibly similar to the GST camp in Juliusruh near Breege on Ruegen Island. It is also possible that participants of an instruction course held by the KVP in Prora are quartered in the tents.
4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the mortar companies directly assigned to the motorized rifle regiments were reequipped with 120-mm mortars in the summer of 1954.
5. [redacted]
6. [redacted] Comment. The 1st Mts Rifle Regt of the division is assumed to be stationed in Schwerin-Sternbuchholz. General Romanenkow (fnu) is known to belong to the headquarters of the IX Mts Rifle Corps.

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